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ARIZONA STUDENTS SCORE IN THE 61st PERCENTILE IN MATH

Stanford 9 test results show Arizona at or above national average in all three subject areas

PHOENIX - (MONDAY, August 16, 2004) – Arizona schools chief Tom Horne today released the results of the 2004 Stanford 9 test given to students in the second through ninth grades in the 2003-04 school year.

“The results show that overall, Arizona students scored at or above the national average in the subject areas of reading, language and math. For math, students in the second through ninth grades are ranked in the 61st percentile when measured against the rest of the country. In reading, students placed in the 53rd percentile overall and ranked at the 50th percentile for language,” Horne noted.

The breakdown by grade is as follows:

2nd grade Math: 63rd percentile; Reading: 57th percentile; Language: 48th percentile
3rd grade Math: 59th percentile; Reading: 54th percentile; Language: 59th percentile
4th grade Math: 59th percentile; Reading: 56th percentile; Language: 50th percentile
5th grade Math: 63rd percentile; Reading: 54th percentile; Language: 48th percentile
6th grade Math: 65th percentile; Reading: 56th percentile; Language: 46th percentile
7th grade Math: 61st percentile; Reading: 54th percentile; Language: 57th percentile
8th grade Math: 59th percentile; Reading: 54th percentile; Language: 50th percentile
9th grade Math: 63rd percentile; Reading: 41st percentile; Language: 41st percentile

Horne added, “This is the last year for the Stanford 9 measurement. Beginning with this school year, students will take the TerraNova exam, the norm-reference test produced by CTB McGraw Hill, which produced the lowest competitive bid, saving taxpayers \$7.5 million over the life of the contract. Whenever a state has switched tests there has been a short-term decline in scores as teachers and students adjust to the new test. We should expect that next year for Arizona as well.”

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Note: The results may be accessed at www.ade.az.gov. Click on the “Testing” icon, then click on the “Norm Reference Test (Stanford 9) icon. Proceed to the “SAT 9 Results” icon.